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The Honorable Paul W. Hodes  
Member, U.S. House of Representatives  
221 Main Street, Suite 201  
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Attention:

Dear Congressman Hodes:

This letter responds to your enquiry dated July 31, 2009, submitted on behalf of your constituent, . He asked if he can take the first-time homebuyer credit for a home that he purchased from his parents.

Congress added section 36 to the Internal Revenue Code to provide a credit to first-time homebuyers for purchases made in 2008 and 2009. The purchase of a residence from certain relatives, including parents, does not qualify for the credit. Because purchased his home from his parents, he can not take the first-time homebuyer credit. Unfortunately, the statute does not contain any exceptions or grant the Internal Revenue Service the authority to make exceptions to this rule.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please contact  
at .

Sincerely,

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